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To the editor:

I am writing in regard to recent episodes of the locally written comic strip, "Screwballs," that the *Campus* prints. The episodes that I am concerned with are the ones depicting the Wilde Stein Club members as evil, neo-Nazi monsters.

I am not a member of the Wilde Stein Club, nor am I a homosexual. I must, however, take offense at these recent comic strips which are not comic at all. The kind of thinking represented in these strips is not only irresponsible but dangerous.

The Wilde Stein club does not recruit heterosexual men for sexual fodder, nor do they meet

in a dark closet. They do not (except possibly in the privacy of their own homes) dress in transvestite fashion, and they most definitely do not march around campus with Kaiser helmets on their heads bashing heterosexuals on the shins with spiked maces.

The writer of this strip obviously suffers from an advanced case of homophobia. Not only that, but he seems determined to instigate and foster this attitude in others. This kind of thinking promotes fear, misunderstanding, irrational prejudice and persecution. It is this kind of thinking that caused the death of Charlie Howard, the homosexual Bangor resident who was

thrown from a bridge to his death in the cold Kenduskeag River.

It is this kind of thinking that hails AIDS as God's vengeance on homosexuals, when in fact it is a serious danger to all men and women of either sex orientation.

The social friction caused by fear of homosexuality can only hurt our society, not help it.

A newspaper should promote the spread of information, not disinformation. It should lead to a greater understanding by its readers of the world they live in and the people that make up that world.

It should not promote fear, ignorance, and social chaos.

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